

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK

April 24, - May 1, 1965

"Good Will Thru Numismatics"

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September 25, 1964

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Letter*

Dear Friend,

" GOOD WILL THRU NUMISMATICS "

I would like personally to invite each member of the American Numismatic Association living outside the United States to join us in the observance of National Coin Week, April 24 thru May 1, 1965. The above theme was chosen with you in mind.

Each year the American Numismatic Association sponsors this event. Any club or individual that is a member of the A. N. A. is eligible to compete for awards of first, second, and third place in the following four classes:

Class A - Clubs with over 100 members
Class B - Clubs with 51 to 100 members
Class C - Clubs with 50 members or less
Individual Class

If enough members outside the fifty United States and Washington, D. C., confirm that they will participate in National Coin Week for 1965, one of the officers of the A. N. A. has offered to ask the Board to authorize an award to be called The International Award for the year 1965. It has also been suggested that if enough interest is shown, we might change the name from National Coin Week to International Coin Week, and collectors all over the world could show exhibits during that time.

We realize there is a delay in the delivery of the official A. N. A. magazine, The Numismatist, to members in other countries, so A.N.A. President, P. K. Anderson, has approved sending this letter to you immediately. I was asked to be Chairman of National Coin Week for 1965 at the A.N.A. Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 19 - 22, 1964. I sincerely believe it is possible to create "Good Will Thru Numismatics". If we develop an International Coin Week, or an International Numismatic Week, we must start sometime, somewhere. Why not now?

National Coin Week is a time when each individual has the opportunity to show exhibits, give numismatic talks, encourage other collectors to join the A.N.A. or any other numismatic association, write articles for local papers, and promote the educational part of numismatics in his own community.

There will be many in the U.S.A. who will show exhibits of numismatic material of other countries and include historical and educational information with the exhibit. You may wish to show an exhibit of our country, but this is not required. Any time you do something constructive in your own community, you are creating good will. The field of "Good Will Thru Numismatics" is unlimited.

We have several coin clubs or organizations located outside the United States who are members of the A.N.A. If an A.N.A. member club participates in National Coin Week and submits an entry as a club, it is not necessary for the members of that club to be members of the A.N.A. in order to exhibit and help their club win points toward an award. In other words, the club must be a member of the A.N.A. and each person who participates, by putting up one or more exhibits or in some other way helps that club promote National Coin Week, is eligible for a Certificate of Award from the A.N.A. in recognition of his participation. These certificates are suitable for framing. Each location where exhibits are shown - banks, libraries, schools, business houses, etc., is eligible for a certificate also. A report containing the official entry blank, a list of those participating, and other information must be mailed so that I receive it no later than May 25, 1965.

If you are a member of a club that is not a member of the A.N.A., but is interested in working toward an International Numismatic Week, I will be happy to send you a membership application for your club. Any club or individual that sends in a membership application, sponsored by a member of the A.N.A., before February 1st, 1965, will be eligible to participate in National Coin Week for 1965. Membership applications should be accompanied by \$11.00 to cover admittance fee and the first year's dues. Succeeding annual dues are \$6.00. As a member of the A.N.A., you may enter in the Individual Class if you wish, and we would be very happy to have you do so. Individual entries cannot be included in any club entry.

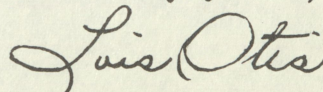
Winning scrapbook entries will be on display during the 74th Anniversary A.N.A. Convention in Houston, Texas, in August 1965. Awards will be presented at this convention. All entries with the Certificates of Award will be returned to you after judging, or at the Houston Convention.

Thank you for your time. I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. If you will participate, more information will be sent to you. I will try to answer all letters and questions as quickly as possible. Your opinions, your suggestions, and your criticism will be appreciated.

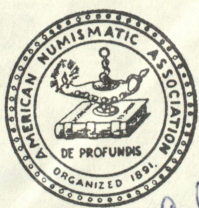
ALL CORRESPONDENCE MUST BE IN ENGLISH!

My very best wishes to you, to your health, and to that of your families.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lois Otis". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Lois" being more prominent than the last name "Otis".

Mrs. Paul H. (Lois) Otis



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Dear Friends:

I hope you are already making plans to contribute to the prestige of our hobby, your club, and the A.N.A. by participating in National Coin Week for 1965. This is the time when all members of the A.N.A. and all members of an A.N.A. club have the opportunity to use their knowledge to show others the educational depth of our hobby. This is our chance to prove there is more to collecting than the over publicized question so often asked of, "How much is it worth?"

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Official Entry Report, exhibit cards, red lettered National Coin Week cards, and Applications for membership in the A.N.A. Extra copies of these are available to you by sending your order to me. We are hoping many will participate this year, and it is difficult to guess how many of these cards will be needed. We are sending these samples to you early, so you may get your requests in by February 25th, for additional supplies. If we run out, and have to order more, it will take about a week to obtain them. So try to get your orders in as early as possible, so they can be mailed to you third or fourth class. We want to have the bulk of this in the mail before March 15th, so you will have it for your March or April meetings. Last minute requests for additional material will be filled, if at all possible, but do not wait until the last minute to make your plans. Last minute mailing should be only for those who have under-estimated the amount of material they will need.

You are familiar with the exhibit card and the NCW card, but please read the Judging Scale Guide and the Official Entry Report very carefully. FIRST: . . . I goofed . . . in copying this for the printer, I did not include the following statement, which belongs under item 1 in the Rules for NCW contest:

A Junior collector under 17 years of age may enter the Individual Class providing he or she is a member of an A.N.A. club or association and the scrapbook report is accompanied by a letter from the President or Secretary of that association, stating that he is a member in good standing, his membership number, and the A.N.A. number of the club.

My sincere apologies to the Junior members. This statement has been in the publicity, and it still stands! It is my mistake that it was not listed on the Official Entry Report.

At this time there are no special awards approved for the International (those not living in the U.S.A.) or Junior (under 17 years) groups. Therefore, these people must check one of the other classes, also. If enough interest is shown in these classifications, we will consider adding them to our list next year for awards. If you have members who wish to enter the Individual competition, please ask them to write me for supplies.

The point system has been changed, with maximum points removed, so the sky is the limit. We have asked that you include evidence of your work. This may seem like additional work for you, but remember, the same rules apply to everyone, and we hope to be fair to all.

There will be Certificates of Participation for each exhibitor, and you can request them for the locations where the exhibits were shown, or for someone you feel gave you special help. Please include two copies of the lists for these certificates in your scrapbook.

Winning a National Coin Week award is a very thrilling experience, but we cannot all be winners, and there is much more to it than this. There is winning respect for yourself, your club, the A.N.A., and our hobby, which is very important at this time. It is quite possible we may progress into an International Numismatic Week, for exhibits will be shown in other countries through the efforts of our members. This is not my idea alone, but it has grown from the suggestions of others and letters received from all over the world.

"All clubs which submit official reports with evidence of actual participation, and all those entering individual competition and submitting a report for National Coin Week, will have their names published in THE NUMISMATIST after the close of NCW 1965. Will your name or your club's name be in that list?" Quoted from the November 1964 issue of THE NUMISMATIST!

My very best wishes to each of you . . . and good luck!

Sincerely,

Lois Otis
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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES FOR NATIONAL COIN WEEK, 1965

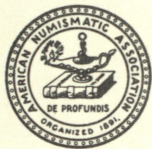
To: Mrs. Lois Otis
17643 Lincoln Avenue
Homewood, Illinois 60430

From: _____

Individual or club entry? _____

Please send the following supplies to the above address:

_____ Official Entry Reports
_____ Exhibit Cards (black and white)
_____ National Coin Week cards (for exhibits) (red and white)
_____ Applications for Membership in the A.N.A.



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